

Crime Prevention Newsletter



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City Contacts

(Area Code is 520)

Animal Control	426-9300
Building	421-8630
City Attorney	421-8600
City Clerk	421-8608
City Court	421-8675
City Manager	421-8600
Finance	421-8601
Fire Department	421-8777
Golf Course	836-9216
Housing	421-8670
Human Resources	421-8600
Landfill	421-8628
Library	421-8710
Parks & Recreation	421-8677
Planning & Zoning	421-8637
Public Works	421-8625
Senior Center	421-8760

Chief's Message

Chief of Police Johnny Cervantes



Traditionally October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, but I thought it would be fitting to comment on this topic. Domestic violence continues to be prevalent in the United States and the recent tragedy our community experienced.

As of November 2013, an estimated 115 domestic violence-related fatalities were reported in our state, some occurring in the Casa Grande area. When the term "domestic violence" is used oftentimes we think of physical abuse, but domestic violence is not just physical abuse. Arizona Revised Statute 13-3601, the statute that defines domestic violence, lists approximately 20 plus crimes that fall under the domestic violence umbrella. Several of these crimes can occur with no physical contact at all.

Domestic violence related crimes are preventable and the Casa Grande Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of our citizens, but we need your help! If you know of a relative, friend, co-worker, etc. involved in a domestic violence relationship the best thing you can do is encourage that person to report the behavior or report the behavior yourself if they aren't willing.

Here are a few local resources:

- City of Casa Grande Police Department: 520-421-8700, emergency 911.
- Against Abuse: 520-836-0858.
- Horizon Human Services: 520-836-1688, 866-495-6735.
- Pinal County Domestic Violence Coalition: 520-836-1239.
- Silent Witness: 520-836-2100 or by texting "SW911 plus your message" to 274637 (crimes).

When Love Is Chapped And Sore - Dr. Bob Cornelius, Chaplain/Counselor



I understand that a wife sought advice from a fortune teller who said, "Prepare yourself for widowhood. Your husband is about to die a violent death." The wife sighed deeply and asked, "Will I be acquitted?"

When love is chapped and sore, I have five suggestions: evaluate your expectations, define your terms, identify the real enemy, inventory your assets, re-frame your negatives to positives, give your spouse a new partner. Let me make a suggestion for this Valentine Day: prepare a list of things you appreciate about your partner. Then read it out loud and slip the list into the hand of that loved one. You can still buy the card, candy, flowers or a new car, but your list will be cherished in an even greater way.

"If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate."

Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always "me" first, doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end."

Paul the Apostle (The Message)

Public Safety Day - Thomas Anderson, Crime Prevention Officer



Each year, the Casa Grande Police Department celebrates Public Safety Day by providing the community with a day of fun filled events and information. This year is no exception.

We are hosting this event on Saturday March 15th in the Target parking lot of The Promenade Mall. You will have an opportunity to meet your local Police Officers, Volunteers, Fire Fighters, and EMT's. We will be joined by U.S. Border Patrol, Pinal County Sheriff's Office, and other surrounding agencies that provide safety and security for the Casa Grande area.

Additionally, you will have a close-up view of our K9 Wyatt and his handler, our Animal Care and Adoption staff who will showcase animals for adoption, pilots from Native Air and their helicopter, and of course, our very own SWAT team will be on hand with the BearCat!



There will be plenty of information to collect to include substance abuse education, car seat installation, a prescription drug turn-in, home safety and security and VIN etching for your vehicles.

Come out and join us for a fun-filled day of safety and security!

Little Known Traffic Law - Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit would like to remind all drivers of a little known traffic law that many people break on a daily basis. They may *not* even know they are breaking it.

It is against the Traffic Law to have any object affixed to, or hanging from, the rear view mirror if it obstructs the clear view of the front windshield.



What this means is that the air fresheners you would commonly find in the auto section of your local retailer are not supposed to be hanging from the rear view mirror while you are driving.



It also means that those with handicap parking placards hanging from the rear view mirror are also in violation of the law if it is hanging while driving.

An air freshener may not seem like a large object; however, it can block your vision of an entire pedestrian less than 30 feet away.

Please take a few moments the next time you get into your vehicle to check and see that your front windshield is unobstructed.

Drive Safe!

Parent On Patrol Squad - Officer Orlando Jimenez, School Resource Officer



Parent on Patrol Squad (P.O.P.S.) is a school-community alliance that is designed to provide parents and community stakeholders with a unique opportunity to invest in the future and success of Casa Grande Union High School. P.O.P.S. is a collaborative body of parents and community stakeholders who are

willing to give of their time, skills and resources to:

- Leverage the power of parent involvement and community partnership to help foster and maintain a school culture that celebrates student success and protects our learning environment.
- Expose students to caring adults who are positive role models and are willing to help foster relationships of communal support and personal accountability.

- Increase student access to strong male images of positive men within the Casa Grande community. These men are devoted fathers, active community members as well as dedicated safety officers and public servants.
- Serve as accountability agents that will help to maintain a school climate that is safe, supportive and conducive for student learning and development.

P.O.P.S. are asked to serve 1-2 hours per week to help supervise lunch, after school, or extra-curricular activities at Casa Grande Union High School campus and at related events.

How can you get involved? Please contact Assistant Principal of Instruction Markchele Williams at (520) 836-3103, Parent-Community Liaison Jetcel Rodriguez at (520) 836-3121 or School Resource Officer Orlando Jimenez at (520) 836-3113.

Too Much Of A Good Thing - Lisa Hartwell, Animal Control Officer

Some would say that you can never have too much of a "good" thing. Unfortunately, in the case of dogs and cats, there *can* be too much of a "good" thing. Pet overpopulation is a huge problem in Casa Grande and nationwide.



Every month The City of Casa Grande Animal Care and Adoption Center receives approximately 250 dogs and cats. The majority of these animals are strays that will never be reclaimed or return to their original homes. Each year 6 to 8 million dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens are left at animal shelters across the country. Less than half of these animals will be adopted. Each day, 11,000 humans are born in the United States. Each day 70,000 puppies and kittens are born. As long as these rates exist, there will never be enough homes for all of the animals. To adopt out every dog and cat, every person would have to own 21 cats and 7 dogs. That simply isn't possible or realistic. Spaying and neutering is the answer.

As a responsible pet owner, we provide our animals with their basic needs. These needs should include: food, water, shelter, training and kindness. However, an essential need that is often overlooked or put off is the need to pay or neuter our pets.

Spaying and neutering pets prevents animals from being born accidentally and is the most effective and humane way to save animals' lives. Spaying and neutering helps dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives. It also makes pets better and more affectionate companions.

The cost of spaying or neutering surgery will vary depending on the weight, age and gender of your pet, and whether or not it requires a Rabies vaccination. It is im-

portant to remember that spaying or neutering is a one-time cost with a lifetime of benefits.

The City of Casa Grande Animal Care and Adoption Center offers a "low cost" option for spaying and neutering your pets year round. "No cost" spaying and neutering is being offered to Casa Grande residents for a limited time.

Pet owners who are interested in this program may fill out an application at the City of Casa Grande Finance Department located at 510 E. Florence Blvd., or call us at 520-426-9300;



Sad But True

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 \text{Cat face} + \text{Cat face} \times 7 \text{ years} \\
 \text{equals 420,000 cats}
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 \text{Dog face} + \text{Dog face} \times 7 \text{ years} \\
 \text{equals 50,000 dogs}
 \end{array}$$

Raising Youth - Stephanie Collier, Strong Families Program Coordinator, CG Alliance



Raising youth takes both love and limits.

We all want what's best for children. We want them to get through the teen years without troubles with drugs and alcohol or scrapes with the law. We want them to grow up to be responsible, caring adults. Parents and other caring adults in a child's life

make the difference. Research shows that youth do better in life when they know they are loved and, at the same time, that they have rules they have to follow.

The Casa Grande Alliance Strong Families Program is a series of eight FREE workshops (for families with children ages 10-14) that helps adults find the right balance of love and limits. The workshops are 2 hours long, held in the evening, and include a light meal.

A national study of Strong Families Programs demonstrated that participants showed significant positive changes:

- Youths who participated in the study had less substance use, fewer conduct problems, and better resistance to peer pressure.
- Parents who participated in the programs were better able to show affection, and support and set appropriate limits for their children.

For more information about the Casa Grande Alliance Strong Families Program, please call (520) 836-5022 or visit www.casagrandealliance.org.



Alarm & Graffiti Abatement Programs - Sheila Chavez, Graffiti & Alarm Coordinator



Alarms are good for protecting property, but false alarms are a million dollar problem. During the holiday season, the Casa Grande Police Department experiences a larger amount of alarm calls. This is mainly due to having more people in our

homes for holiday parties and other gatherings. This year was no different. Casa Grande Police Department experienced a slight increase of alarm calls.

Now that the holidays are over, why not sign up for an alarm awareness class. This class will explain why alarm users are required to obtain a permit for their system. The instructor will explain how fees are assessed for false alarms, how police officers respond to false alarms, how to properly cancel false alarms, and how to avoid false alarms. For more information, visit the city website at: www.casagrandeaz.gov.



Have you noticed that graffiti sites are increasing. Would you like to become involved in helping with the war on graffiti?

There are many ways that you can help Casa Grande Police Department keep a handle on graffiti.

A simple way to begin is to download the mobile app called "My Casa Grande" onto your smart phone. This app will allow you to report graffiti and other issues within the city.

If you would like more information on how you can help with the war on graffiti, contact me at (520) 421-8711 ext. 6570.

Important Police Department Numbers & Internet Sites

(Area Code is 520)

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| • Police (Emergency) | 911 |
| • Police (Non-Emergency) | 421-8700 |
| • Crime Prevention Unit | 421-8711 ext. 6760 |
| • Volunteer Unit | 421-8711 ext. 6140 |
| • Traffic/School Resource Unit | 421-8711 ext. 6370 |
| • Graffiti/Alarm Unit | 421-8711 ext. 6570 |



www.facebook.com/cgpolice



www.twitter.com/casagrandepd



www.casagrandesilentwitness.com

Any questions or comments regarding this newsletter can be forwarded to the Crime Prevention Unit:

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Upcoming Events

- Cowboy & Indian Days - Feb. 14th to 23rd
- Cactus Fly-in & Chili Cook off - March 1st
- Public Safety Day - March 15th